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HISTORY OF GLOUCESTER COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AND ITS FAMILIES. By Sally Nelson Robins, Illustrated from photographs taken by Miss Blanche Dimmock, of Sherwood, Va. For sale by West, Johnston & Co., Publishers, Richmond, Va., 1893. This is a neat little account of historic places and families, written in a graceful style and containing a great deal of value. We ought to have a history of each of our counties. Mrs. Robins deserves much praise for this sprightly account of the past.

THE GREEN BAG, Boston, Mass., Vol. V., Nos. 7, 8 and 9. Mr. S. S. P. Patteson, who is an able and progressive member of the Richmond bar, has given the public in these numbers an interesting account of the Virginia Supreme Bench from the period of the Revolution. A more splendid array of judicial talent was never presented to the World, and Mr. Patteson had a fine subject for his pen.

THE VA. HISTORICAL MAGAZINE, Philip A. Bruce, Editor, Richmond, Va. Vol. I. No. 2, October, 1894. This Magazine is doing an exceilent work and deserves full support from all interested in Virginia antiquities. The present number contains a mine of historic wealth.

THE NEW ENGLAND HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL MAGAZINE, John Ward Dean, Editor, Boston, Mass., October No, 1894. This is a *model* magazine in every particular, "The Gleanings" of Mr. Henry F. Waters in the English records presents us with several interesting wills, of much value to Virginia students.

GREAT COMMANDERS—GENERAL JOHNSTON—By Robert M. Hughes. D. Appleton and Company, New York. A review of this work will appear in the next issue of these PAPERS.

Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography, No. 3 of Vol. xvii., October, 1893.

Aboriginal Remains of the Piedmont and Valley Region, by Gerard Fowke. From the Anthropologist.

New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, Vol. xxix., No. 4, October, 1893.

Lincoln Co. Probate Court Records, compiled by William D. Patterson, Wicasset. Maine Genealogical Society, Portland, Maine.

THE ANCESTRY OF BENJAMIN HARRISON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. 1889—1893 in chart form, showing also the Descendants of William Henry Harrison, President of the United States of America in 1841, and Notes of Familes Related. By Charles P. Keith, author of "The Provincial Councillors of Pennsylvania, 1733-1766," etc., Philadelphia, 1893.

The painstaking accuracy and industry with which Mr. Keith has compiled this work entitles him to the highest praise. The related families presented are Armistead, Bacon, Bassett, Burwell, Cary, Harrison, Irwin, McDowell, Ramsey, Symmes and Tuthill. The first six are Virginia families, and for that reason, apart from the fact of their great distinction in American history, are of more interest to us, as home-folks. The father of William Armistead, the immigrant, is shown by Mr. Keith to be Anthony Armistead, of Kirk Deighton, Yorkshire, and Frances Thompson, his wife. The old traditon that the Armisteads were from Hesse D'Armstadt has no foundation in fact. It is barely possible that the wife of William Armistead, the immigrant, was an alien, and hence the name "Hesse," given by John Armistead, the son to his residence at the mouth of the Pianketank. The Dutch, in the early days of the Colony, carried on a big trade with Virginia, and many of them settled here. The Bassetts are traced to William Bassett of "Newport in the Co. of Southampton, Yeoman." In the York Co. Va. books is a power of attorney dated April 2, 1683 from Ann Banister, the wife of Moses Banister of Newport, in the Isle of Wight, Southampton Co., butcher, and Mary Foster, spinister, of the same places, to Capt. Mathew Rider to collect legacies due to them under the will of William Bassett. "late of the parish of Blissland in the County of New Kent in Virginia." By reference to Bassett's will he had two sisters, Annie and Mary Foster. Joseph Foster, Capt. Bassett's nephew, resided in the adjoining parish of St. Peter's, and became Captain, Colonel, &c. In the parish register are the following entries:

Joseph, son of Joseph Foster & Eliz. his wife, bapt. the 8th April, 1687.

Eliz., dau. to Capt. Joseph Foster & Eliza. his wife, bapt. 27 Sept., and born ye 1st, 1689.

Luce, dau. of Joseph Foster Gent by Eliza., his wife, born 5 Oct. 169—.

Joseph, s. of Col. Joseph Foster & Eliz his wife, born Oct. 29, 169—

Easter, a mulatto, belonging to Coll. Jos. Foster, born 12 Aug., 1705

Jenny, a negro, belonging to Coll. Jos. Foster, born May, 1716.

Madam Elizabeth Foster departed this life Jan. 8th. 1718.

John, son of Jno. Foster, Gent, by Jane his wife, b. 15 June, 17——.

Mary dau. of Jno. Foster, Gent, born January the 10th, 1716.

Thomas, s. of Mr. Joseph Foster, born April 16th, 1716.

William, son of Capt. Jno. Foster, departed this life 8br 28th, 1716,

Thomas, son of Capt. Jno. Foster, departed this life the 20th of 7br. 1715.

John, son of Jno. Foster, departed this life January 5, 1715.

Jane, the wife of Mr. Jno. Foster, deceased April 21, 1721.

[Entries of negroes belonging to Capt. John Foster, subsequently in 1738 called Major John Foster.]

In the same register Coll. John Scott, who died Oct. 23, 1729, figures prominently. He may have been one of the Scott family mentioned in the will of William Bassett. In the same register, also, are entered children of Thomas Bassett (he has a son William) doubtless the son of William Bassett (under 18 in 1660), son of Thomas Bassett, whose widow Mary married secondly, William Felgate, of Queen's Creek, York Co., in 1660, and thirdly Capt. John Underhill, Jr. formerly of the City of Worcester, England. Mr. Keith fixes the Burwell family definitely in England. In making an abstract several years ago of the earliest record-book, of York Co., Va., 1645-1649, then without cover and thrown aside, the Editor took down the deed of gift of Dorothy Wingate, widow of Roger Wingate, Esq., to her only son, Lewis Burwell, as also certain references to Lewis Burwell and Robert Vaus as "brothers." This information he communicated to the distinguished genealogist, W. G. Stanard, Esq., who informed Mr. Keith. It is gratifying to see that the clew thus given has led to such important results.